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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed January 14, 2003 (Paper No. 31), please enter and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) concurrently herewith.

Further to the undersigned's telephone message to the Examiner, should the Examiner still have concerns regarding the allowability of the instant claims after consideration of the instant response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned to arrange a telephone interview.

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